

INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. **03V-032** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: February 7, 2003

Date Faxed: February 20, 2003

Manufacturer: **Indian Motorcycle Corporation**

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SUBJECT: 7,947 Indian Motorcycle 1999-2001 Chief, Indian Spirit, Scout, Scout Centennial, and Chief Centennial motorcycles equipped with Compufire brand series type voltage regulators and manufactured from March 1, 1999 through May 20, 2001. If damaged, the voltage regulator can become stuck in an open mode that allows battery voltage to flow back through the regulator, potentially causing the regulator to catch on fire. (This campaign supersedes NHTSA Recall No. 01V-149)

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.


We have reviewed your draft owner notification letter. It is suggested that a couple of changes be made to this letter. Please change the word "determined" to "decided" in the first sentence of the second paragraph.

Also, a sentence should be added concerning leased vehicles. The suggested sentence is, "Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days."

After January 15, 2003, a statement should be added concerning reimbursement to owners who have previously paid to have this repair work performed.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during February 2003. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2003.

If you have any questions, please call:

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